



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 2852**

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PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:        | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Examiner: Sophia S. Chen |
| Tatsuya KOBAYASHI, et al.    | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Group Art Unit: 2852     |
| Application No.: 10/664,880  | ) |                          |
|                              | : | Confirmation No.: 4251   |
| Filed: September 22, 2003    | ) |                          |
|                              | : |                          |
| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS | ) | June 9, 2005             |
| FEATURING A RESISTANCE       | : |                          |
| RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN      | ) |                          |
| IMAGE BEARING MEMBER AND     | : |                          |
| A TRANSFER MEMBER            | ) |                          |
| (AS AMENDED)                 | : |                          |

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 10, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.